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827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

8 March, 1945

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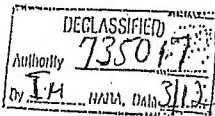
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UNIT HISTORY

For the period from 1 February, 1945, thru 28 February, 1945, the Battalion suffered two fatal losses, one from battle wounds and one from NLD causes. Five men were casualties, either LIA or LWA.

The Battalion did not take any prisoners of war.

There were no major transfers in Battalion Personnel. The battalion operated with under strength in both officer and EM personnel.

There were several promotions of noncommissioned officers within the Gun Companies. No change of officer personnel status.

The battalion participated during the first of the period, in the final action clearing the COLMAR POCKET of the enemy. During this action, commendation was earned from the French Corps Commander, with which our unit under the XXI Corps was operating. At completion of the objective, the 12th Armored Division, then our unit's immediate higher headquarters, was transferred to vicinity FALQUEMONT, France, reverting to XV Corp Area. Subsequently, the Battalion proceeded to the vicinity of BACCARAT and continued as a Tank Destroyer Battalion, under 68th AAA Group, for operation and reverting to Seventh Army for administration, severing its service under 12th Armored Division. The Battalion was then occupied with guarding designated projects in Communications Zone Area, for the balance of the period.

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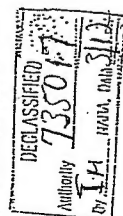
For the Commanding Officer:

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 RUFUS JAMES, CWO., USA.,
 Ass't. Adjutant.
 (Grade and Branch)

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT OF

827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)
(Designation of Unit)

9 February 1945

(Date)

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BCR Control No. 14

I certify that name, rank and ASN hereon are exactly the same as appear on Service Records and/or Officers' Qualification Cards.

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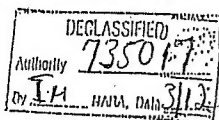
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RUFUS JAMES

CWO-USA, Personnel Officer.

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INFORMATION INCLUDED ON ETOUSA CASUALTY FORM 1

1. Organization submitting BCR and date of report.
2. BCR Control No. Assigned by organization submitting BCR in accordance with instructions from army, air force, etc.
3. Army Serial No. To agree with enlisted service record or officers qualification card.
4. Name. Last name, first name and middle initial must be shown. Where no middle initial exists, (NMI) will be shown.
5. Grade. Will agree with that shown on service record, etc.
6. Arm or Service. Use proper abbreviations.
7. Type of Casualty.

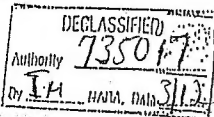
DESCRIPTION	ALPH	DESCRIPTION	ALPH
Killed in Action	KIA	Captured	CAP
Died of Wounds	DOW	Missing in Action	MIA
Died of Injuries	DOI	Gas Illness	SIG
Seriously wounded in action	SWA	Interned by a neutral country	INT
Seriously injured in action	SIA	Returned to duty	RTD
Slightly wounded in action	LWA	Alive and well	ALW
Slightly injured in action	LIA		

8. Date of Casualty. The day, month (abbreviated) and year will be shown.
9. Flying or Jump Status.

Pilot, Copilot & Command Pilot	A	Armorer gunner	I	Central fire control gunner	O
Navigator	B	Parachutist on jump status	J	Navigator bombardier	
Bombardier	C	Gunner	K	Radar	P
Observer	D	All other air force personnel in flying status	L	Power plant specialist gunner	Q
Flight Surgeon	E	Bombardier navigator	M	Electric plant specialist gunner	R
Photographer	F	Flight or aerial engineer	N	Radar mechanic gunner	S
Radio operator gunner	G			Photo gunner	T
Engineer gunner	H			All air force personnel not in flying status	Z

10. Place. General location only will be used, i.e., Germany, France, North Sea, English Channel, etc.
11. Remarks. Where the casualty status is changing from one type to another, this change will be shown. Date of previous status will be indicated (fr LWA 12 Mar 44 to RTD). Sub-unit, if desired by local headquarters (Co A, 425 Sqdn, etc.)

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6 March, 1945.

UNIT JOURNAL

1 February, 1945: Message received from 12th Armored Division, alerting battalion for movement to MOLSHEIM, France.

2 February, 1945: 1st platoon, Company "A", attached (Field Order 8, 12th Armd Division) to CCA and 2nd platoon attached to CCB; 1st platoon, Company "B", attached to CCR (by same authority); remainder of Battalion alerted for movement.

3 February, 1945: Ln Officer brought order for Battalion to move vicinity St. HIPPOLYTE, France. Battalion crossed IP, STUTZHEIM, France, at 1600 hours, CP Group arriving at ORSCHWILLER, France, at 2015 hours.

4 February, 1945: G-3 Periodic Report #62 received showing 2nd platoon, Company "A", attached to TF BOONE, CCB; CCB reported closed in vicinity DAMBACH; CCR, including 1st platoon, Company "B", reported vicinity HOUSSEN, France; CCA, with 1st platoon, Company "A", reported vicinity BARR, France. Ln Officer arrived with orders attaching 12th Armored Division, including 827th TD Bn., to XXI Corps. At 1330 Bn. CP closed ORSCHWILLER, beginning movement to BERGHEIM, France. Bn closed in BERGHEIM at 1510.

6 February, 1945: At 1015 Bn departed BERGHEIM, arriving PFAFFENHEIM, France, at 1230.

10 February, 1945: Bn departed PFAFFENHEIM, closing in BIONVILLE, France, at 0910 hours, 11 February, 1945. Per VOGG, 12th AD, one platoon Company "A" attached to CCR, reporting to CO thereof as soon as possible vicinity WOLFS KIRCHEN.

12 February, 1945: At 1730 Ln Officer arrived with verbal orders from CG, 12th AD, alerting Bn for immediate movement to BACCARAT, France; advance detachment ordered to report to 68th AAA Gp. At 2215 Ln Officer returned with orders from CG, XXI Corps, ordering Bn to move morning of 13 February, 1945. VOGG also relieved Bn from attachment, 12th AD (upon arrival vicinity BACCARAT), and attached to 68th AAA Gp for operations.

13 February, 1945: At 0530 Bn departed BIONVILLE, closing in VERDENAL, France, at 1915.

17 February, 1945: Letter of Commendation received from Major General F. W. MILBURN, CG, XXI Corps (for participation in operations, Colmar area); Bn attached to XV Corps for operation (see attached extract), remaining with 7A for supplies and administration. Written orders received confirming verbal orders for Bn movement to BACCARAT, and attachment to 68th AAA Gp

Remainder of month spent as prescribed by 68th AAA Gp, guard duty.



HEADQUARTERS XXI CORPS
Office of the Corps Commander

10 February, 1945.

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SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion,
U. S. Army.

1. The operations of the XXI Corps in the Colmar area have been successfully completed. Colmar has been liberated and the enemy has been driven to the east of the Rhine.

2. The success of these operations has been due to the loyalty, the gallantry and the unselfish devotion to duty of the many thousands of officers, and enlisted men of the units that constitute the XXI Corps.

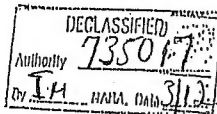
3. The 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion was particularly outstanding in these operations. It performed its assigned missions with great enthusiasm. It completed these missions successfully, contributing materially thereby to the great victory achieved by our units.

4. I wish to commend you, the officers, and the enlisted men of the 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion for the superior manner in which they performed during these operations. Their actions were superb, and they reflect the finest traditions of the Armies of the United States.

/s/t/ F. W. MILBURN,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

A true copy.

Lester S. Young
LESTER S. YOUNG,
2nd Lt., FA,
Adjutant, 827th TD Bn.



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Auth: CG 7 Army
Init:
Date: 11 Feb '45

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
APO 758 US ARMY

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SUBJECT: Attachment Order

TO : See Distribution.

1. PAC in Radio, Headquarters Sixth Army Group, Ref BX 24101, dated 9 February 1945, effective 0800A hours, 9 February 1945, the 12th Armored Division (with 572nd AAA AW Bn (SP) and 827th TD Bn (SP) attached) is relieved from operational control of First French Army and reverts to control of Seventh Army.

2. Effective upon arrival in XV Corps area on or about 10 February 1945, the units listed below are attached to XV Corps for operations. Administration and supply remain with Seventh Army.

12th Armored Division
572nd AAA AW Bn (SP)
827th TD Bn (SP)

By command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

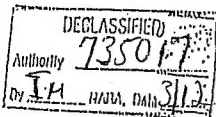
/s/t/ C. I. KEELAN,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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OUTGOING TELETYPE MESSAGE

ORIGINATED BY: G-3 SECTION APPROVED BY: C. V. A.
FROM: HAILSLIP CG XV CORPS PRECEDENCE : OPNL PRIORITY
TO : CO 827TH TD BN DATE/TIME : 122000A FEB 45
 (INFO TO: CG 12TH ARMD DIV)
 CG SEVENTH ARMY COMMAND POST
 CO 4TH MRU (TO CG SEVENTH ARMY FOR TRANSMITTAL)

MOVE WITHOUT DELAY THE 827TH TD BN FR PRESENT LOCATION TO
BACCARAT PAREN VICTOFO TWO SIX EIGHT FOUR PAREN PD ADV DET RPT TO
CO 68TH AAA GP AT BACCARAT FOR INSTNS PD COORDINATE MOVE WITH
GEORGE FOUR TRAFFIC XV CORPS PAREN HICKORY TWO ZERO FOUR PAREN
PD MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE PD EFF ON ARRIVAL UNIT REID FR ATCHMT
12TH ARMD DIV AND XV CORPS AND ATCHD TO 68TH AAA GP FOR OPNS PD

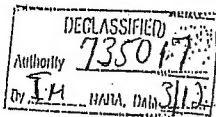
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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY

APO 758

US Army

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Date: 12 Feb 45
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12 February 1945

SUBJECT: Movement Order.

TO : Commanding General, XV Corps.

1. Move without delay the 827th TD Bn (SP) from present location to destination as designated by Commanding Officer, 68th AAA Group in accordance with the following instructions:

- a. Advance detachment will report to Commanding Officer 68th AAA Group at BACCARAT for instructions.
- b. Coordinate move with transportation Officer, Seventh Army (LUNEVILLE, telephone Cadet Rear 467).
- c. Move with organic transportation.
- d. Complete radio silence will be maintained during move.

2. Effective upon arrival destination unit is relieved from present attachment to 12th Armored Division and XV Corps and is attached to 68th AAA Group for operations. Administration and supply remain with Seventh Army.

3. Report time and date of departure and ETA destination to this Headquarters, Attention: A. C. of S., G-3.

BY command of Lieutenant General PATCH:

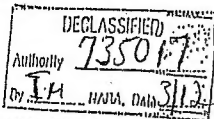
/s/t/ GLENN A. HENRY,
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General.

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Following coordinates taken from Europe Road Map, 1:200,000, CHAUMONT-STRASBOURG, First Edition, Sheet Number 62:

<u>NAMES:</u>	<u>COORDINATES:</u>
Houssen, France	V75 46
Pfaffenheim, France	V66 32
Verdenal, France	V33 88
Baccara t, France	V28 83
St. Hippolyte, France	V73 59
Orschwiller, France	V73 6
Stutzheim, France	Q91 05
Barr, France	V78 78
Bergheim, France	V72 55

Following coordinates taken from Europe Road Map, 1:200,000, VERDUN-WISSEMBOURG, Sheet Number 57:

Bionville, France	Q09 57
Wolfskirchen, France	Q52 32